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REMARKS

1. The amendments, which are proposed here, are only for formal reasons.

It has been realized that depending claims 17, 18 of claim 16 needed to be amended so as to conform to the new wording of claim 16 going with the formal amendments presented 01/10/01 and 05/16/01. As in claim 16, "applying" action is now proposed to be introduced by what it enables it, i.e. "sliding in direction of said object and along said another support part", as it is explained in the original specification page 24, line 18-25. It has also been proposed to replace at the end of the claims 17 and 18 "said at least one movable arm secured thereto [said another support part]" by "said at least one movable arm carried thereon [said another support part]". Because this seems to be more conforming to what it is stated in the first part of these claims: "said another support part carrying at least one movable arm". It is also proposed to remove the obviously misplaced point just in front of phrase "said at least one movable arm carried thereon" and to replace it by a comma. So the Examiner can be quite sure that no new matter will be added to the drawings, specification or claims with this amendment.

2. Last OA issue #5

In the fifth subsection of section 3 of the remarks of the response filed on 05/16/01, it has been stated that the French word "picot" supporting lines 37-38 of page 11 of the marked-up copy of the proposed substitute specification, including "which has a protuberance that is thrust into a hole" was first translated into "spike". The English word "spike" can be found in the original specification page 21, line 28.

3. Conclusion

Formal amendments of claims 17-18 are here proposed to make them more consistent to the rest of the disclosure and to claim 16 and to make them easier to be read. Therefore favorable entering of these proposed amendments and allowance of claims 16-18 are petitioned with deference.

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